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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

The Detroit News: Snyder still working on Hathaway replacement for Michigan Supreme Court

"Gov. Rick Snyder says he's not ready to announce a new member of the Michigan Supreme Court. Snyder told the Associated Press that he's still going through his selection process and might pick a new justice in the next month."

Full story

Also see:

Associated Press: Snyder still working on Mich. court appointment

<u>Full story</u>

The MiLW Blog: Snyder still working on naming new MSC justice Full story

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The Detroit News: Supreme Court: No-parole sentence thrown out in attack on parents in Yale

"A young woman convicted in a fatal attack on her father will get a chance at a new sentence, the result of a U.S. Supreme Court decision that bans mandatory no-parole punishments for teenagers in murder cases, the Michigan appeals court said Friday."

Full story

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: No-parole sentence for Tia Skinner thrown out

Full story

Associated Press: No-parole sentence thrown out in attack on parents *Full story*

Note: The article also ran in the Midland Daily News, the Oakland Press and the Times Herald/Port Huron.

The Detroit News: Appeals court rules in favor of car wash in black ice case (second article)

"The Michigan Court of Appeals has ruled in favor of a Pontiac car wash in a lawsuit by a customer who got out of his car to adjust the mirrors and slipped on black ice."

Full story

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News, WILX-TV(10)/Lansing and WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit.

Detroit Free Press: Detroit court owed millions begins going after delinquents

"Officials trying to collect millions of dollars owed to 36th District Court in Detroit are implementing taxrefund garnishments, and the first hearing in connection with the new approach was held Thursday." Full story

The Detroit News: Volunteer, 80, preserves historic courthouse

"In 1991 Gaylord Edgerly was visiting the historic 1885 Eaton County Courthouse when he noticed a few things 'that needed tending to.' The retired electrician knew a thing or two about caring for old buildings. The Charlotte man's Cochran Avenue home, a 1904 Victorian, was a project he had spent years restoring, both inside and out."

Note: The article also ran in the Detroit Legal News.

Battle Creek Enquirer: Business Notables (third article)

"Calhoun County Circuit Court's Family Division recently announced several organizational changes, include Kristen Getting's re-designation from deputy court administrator for Friend of the Court Services to chief deputy court administrator/deputy Friend of the Court. She will now have overall responsibility for coordination of all Circuit Court Family Division operations, including Office of the Friend of the Court, Family Division Referees and Juvenile Services."

Full story

Battle Creek Enquirer: Town hall meeting hopes to spark interest in foster care

"The Calhoun County Foster Care Coalition is facing some daunting math. According to some figures, the number of kids seeking foster care is rising while the number of people in the county who want to serve as foster parents is shrinking."

Full story

Daily Press & Argus: Leadership Livingston program now in 20th year

Debi Drick and Undersheriff Mike Murphy write "On Friday, Leadership Livingston held its sixth session of the year — the Justice System.... This popular and highly rated program would not be possible without hard work from the following individuals in order of appearance: Livingston County Magistrate Jay Drick; Livingston County Prosecuting Attorney William Vailliencourt; Howell attorney Jim Buttrey; District Judges L. Suzanne Geddis and Carol Sue Reader; and Dave Trudeau."

Full story

The MiLW Blog: Secret money, politics and the MSC

"Earlier this week, Michigan Public Radio's Lester Graham reported on the efforts of the Michigan Campaign Finance Network's continuing efforts to make transparent who funds whom and for how much in Michigan's curious 'nonpartisan' Supreme Court elections."

Full story

Muskegon Chronicle: Muskegon County judge hears arguments over juvenile lifer Amy Black's sentence; victim's brother attends

"Muskegon County 14th Circuit Judge Timothy G. Hicks plans to rule March 1 on whether 'juvenile lifer' Amy Lee Black's motion for relief from her no-parole sentence must be decided immediately or can wait for a Michigan Supreme Court decision on a related matter."

Full story

Muskegon Chronicle: Judge Timothy Hicks' decision sends Proposal 4 proponents back to Muskegon City Hall on Sappi paper mill rezoning

"City of Muskegon voters – and those across the state of Michigan – have no power to change zoning through public votes like the Proposal 4 that was on the Nov. 6 ballot in Muskegon. The Michigan Supreme Court ruled on that specific situation in a 1972 decision in a case out of Livonia."

Full story

Oakland County Legal News: Lake County whistle-blower wins Supreme Court case

"The Michigan Supreme Court has reinstated a \$350,000 verdict for a woman who lost her job as head of a county 911 service when she complained that money was being misspent."

Full story

Saginaw News: Saginaw's CAN Council offers court appointed special advocate training

"The CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region is offering Court Appointed Special Advocate training beginning March 4. CASA volunteers advocate for the best interest of their assigned child and are appointed by judges to individual cases."

Full story

WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: New state law lets mother decide who will raise children born out of extramarital affair

"... The question is should an affair bar [Aaron Grimes] – or any man -- from having a role in raising a child born out of their relationship? In this case, a new state law gave the woman the legal authority to choose if the biological dad will be part of the child's life."

Full story